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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

**Len F. LEE et al.**Serial No.: Unassigned  
Div. of 09/828,968

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For: NOVEL BENZOTHIOPINES HAVING ACTIVITY AS INHIBITORS OF  
ILEAL BILE ACID TRANSPORT AND TAUROCHOLATE UPTAKE**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the file of the above-identified application.

No additional fees are believed to be due. However, should any additional fees be required or an overpayment of fees made, please debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, as necessary.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please delete the paragraph at page 1, immediately below the title and insert in its place the following:

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This application is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/828,968, which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/816,065, filed March 11, 1997, which claims the benefit of priority of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/013,119, filed March 11, 1996. This application is also a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/831,284, filed March 31, 1997, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/517,051, filed August 21, 1995, which is a continuation-in-part

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